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In re application of:

SHOHEI SATO

Serial No.: 10/620,094

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For: ULTRASONIC PROBE AND  
MANUFACTURING METHOD  
THEREOF

Art Unit: 2834

Examiner: Thomas M. Dougherty

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(d)

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97(d) and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application hereby submits a list of the following relevant art as required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

A. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 11-299779 published in Japan on November 2, 1999; and

B. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 2000-138400 published in Japan on May 16, 2000 (corresponding to US 6,798,059 issued September 28, 2004).

The above-listed prior art, A-B, all in Japanese, are cited in the Office Actions of May 16, 2006 by the Japanese Patent Office for Japanese patent application Nos. 2003-169659 and 2003-169658 which are related to the above-identified U.S. application. Copies of the Japanese Office Actions together with the English translation of the reasons of rejection are enclosed. In addition, English translation of relevant sections of prior art A is also enclosed. Moreover, an English language abstract is attached to each one of these non-English prior art. Accordingly, pursuant to MPEP Section 609, the requirement for a concise explanation of the relevance is satisfied, and an English concise explanation of each one of these prior art is omitted herein.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(d)(1), the required statement is presented as follows:

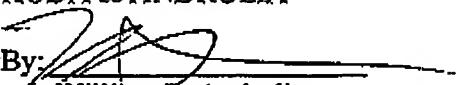
Each item of the information contained in the present information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement.

In addition, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(d)(2), it is hereby petitioned that the present information disclosure statement be considered, and our check for \$180.00 to cover the required petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p) is enclosed.

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In view of the above, it is therefore respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant art and consider them.

Respectfully submitted,  
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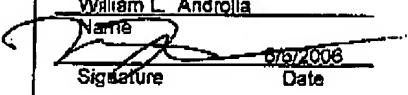
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